

Buffalo, N.Y., August 21st, 1946.

Mr. Alex Pompey,
Mgr. New York Cubans Base Ball Club
of the Negro National League,
84 Lenox Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have been in base ball for 39 years now, and nobody ever sneaked out of an engagement on me like you and the Newark Eagles did today when your clubs failed to appear for your scheduled game at Erie, Pa. tonight.

You will unquestionably recall that during my last telephone conversation with you while you were at Hotel Vendome here in Buffalo at about 1.30 o'clock this morning, you have told me that you will have another talk with Mr. Manley, and that you will call me back. Although I have waited patiently until the wee hours of the morning for your phone call, neither you nor Mr. Manley called me. When I have called up the Vendome Hotel at 8 o'clock this morning, it appeared that you and Mr. Manley had it all fixed with the clerk to tell me that the Newark Eagles just pulled away with their bus, and that they were going back to Newark, although your bus was still across the street from Vendome Hotel. But when I have asked the clerk to call you to the phone, he said that you just stepped up to the corner, but that he would have you call me up as soon as you got back. You have not called me, however, so I took the trouble to go to the Vendome Hotel, and when I got there at 9.30 a.m., I was told by the young lady in the office that Mr. Manley and his team just left about 15 minutes before I got there. In other words, my suspicion was well founded when I was told by the man clerk in Vendome Hotel at 8 o'clock in the morning that the Newark Eagles left at that time, while actually they did not leave the Vendome Hotel until 9.15 a.m., according to the young lady at the counter in the Vendome Hotel. There is no need of my saying any more when such a situation stares me in the face, except that I want you and Mr. Manley, or rather Mrs. Manley, as owner of the Newark Eagles, with whom I have made all arrangements for these games, to recompensate me for the \$60.00 forfeit that I had to pay to the School Board in Erie as a deposit for the use of Athletic Field in Erie tonight, and \$25.00 that I have paid to the Sporting Editor of the Erie Dispatch-Herald, IN ADVANCE to take care of our publicity for this game, AND HE REALLY DID A swell job on that; as well as around \$12.00 for long distance phone calls. Am sending copy of this letter to MRS. MANLEY TOO.

VERY TRULY YOURS, Ray J. Fischer